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AMERICAS



EXPLORE
COSTA RICA

Itinerary Summary



NO.	DATE	LOCATION	DETAILS	MEALS	HOTEL	NTS
1	Day 01	SAN JOSÉ	Arrive into San José and transfer to your hotel.	-	The Presidente	2
	Day 02		Volcano, coffee plantation & waterfall tour	B		
2	Day 03	ARENAL	Transfer to Arenal and your next hotel	B	Arenal Springs	3
	Day 04		Sky tram and trek excursion	B		
	Day 05		Day at leisure	B		
3	Day 06	MANUEL ANTONIO	Transfer to Manuel Antonio and your next hotel	B	Parador	4
	Day 07		Day at leisure	B		
	Day 08		Day at leisure	B		
	Day 09		Day at leisure	B		
	Day 10	DEPART	Transfer back to San José to meet your return BA flight	B	-	-
	Day 11	UK	Arrive back into London Gatwick	-	-	-

Detailed Itinerary



01 Day **GATWICK - SAN JOSÉ**

Depart Gatwick flying with British Airways.



BA2237 Economy Dep: Gatwick 08:20

Arr: San José 14:00

Shared transfer on arrival to your hotel.

Hotel Presidente



1 x Standard Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 2-nights

Benefiting from a fantastically central location the Hotel Presidente is a short walk from the National Theatre and the Plaza de la Cultura, putting you right in the heart of the city. This boutique hotel offers 80 air conditioned rooms. The guestrooms are spacious and elegantly designed and boast flat screen TVs, hairdryer and safe. Facilities at Hotel Presidente include a seventh floor gym with impressive views over the city and a restaurant serving national and internal cuisine.





02 Day **SAN JOSÉ**



Shared La Paz Waterfalls, Poas Volcano and Doka Coffee Plantation tour (inc. breakfast & lunch)

Your first stop today will be at a local café where you will enjoy an authentic Costa Rican style breakfast before continuing to a third-generation coffee plantation. Whilst at the plantation you will learn how coffee is picked, milled, ground and roasted.

Having learned first-hand, or cup, why Costa Rica is famous for its coffee you will depart for Poas Volcano. This crater volcano is one of Costa Rica's four active volcanoes and is one of the most spectacular in the country, with its enormous crater measuring 1km in diameter and 314m deep. Feel amazed by the crystal blue sulphur pools and look out for the steam rising from the various volcanic vents.

Your final stop of the day is to La Paz Waterfall Gardens. Your personal tour guide will take you through the butterfly observatory, the hummingbird garden and the waterfall trails. After your hike you will enjoy a Costa Rican buffet lunch.





03 Day SAN JOSÉ - ARENAL

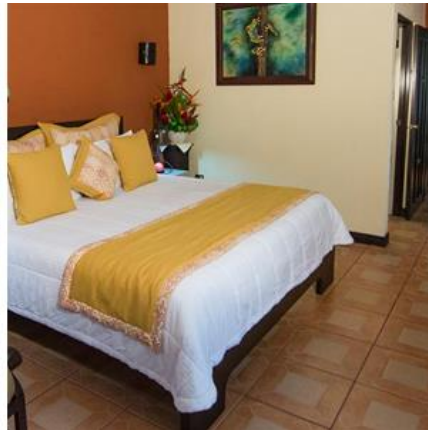
Shuttle transfer to Arenal and your next hotel.



Please Note:

The shared shuttle transfer is in a small air conditioned minivan. The transfer will collect and drop off passengers to / from a small number of hotels. The transfer takes approx. 3hrs

Arenal Springs Resort



1 x Junior Suite on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 3-nights

Enjoying a superb location amidst the foothills of Arenal Volcano, this tropical resort style hotel and Spa is close to the stunning La Fortuna Waterfall, Arenal Hanging Bridges and Arenal Lake. The 90 bright and airy suites are spacious and feature air conditioning, safe, hairdryer and boast fantastic views of the active side of the volcano. The on-site Spa is where you can book body wraps, hot stones and massage treatments. Other facilities include two hot spring swimming pools, souvenir shops, laundry service and internal shuttle.



04 Day ARENAL



Shared half day Sky Tram & Sky Trek excursion with zip-wiring

Take an aerial tram through the rain forest to appreciate the Arenal Volcano and the Arenal Lake from a different perspective. The tram takes about 20 minutes to reach the observation platform at the highest point of the Arenal Reserve with opportunities to make intermediate stops. It is a guided tour and includes a 25 minute walk in the rain forest. To descend from the platform, it can be done either on the aerial tram or on the Sky Trek canopy tour. To enjoy the canopy, you will be securely attached to a zip line and slide down cables stretched across platforms over the top of the forest canopy. From this vantage point you will get breathtaking and exhilarating views of the canopy as it rushes beneath your feet. Whilst the tour will certainly get your adrenaline pumping, you will be strapped into a secure safety harness so you will be completely safe throughout the tour. It is possible to do it attached to a guide for added assistance and you can leave the tour at any of the platforms if you find it a little too exhilarating!





05 Day ARENAL

Days at leisure.



The Arenal Springs Resort & Spa is strategically located in the heart of Costa Rica's prime eco-tourism area. In all of Costa Rica, La Fortuna is indeed a fortune-atte spot, from where you can explore rainforests, waterfalls, and of course volcanoes. La Fortuna activities include birdwatching, hiking, mountain biking, fishing, sailboarding and river rafting, to name just a few. Alternatively if you wish to relax during you time at leisure why not take advantage of the Lodge's Spa or the thermal hot springs that the area is world famous for.



Distinctive Recommendation



Mountain Bike Tour

This ride takes you on an old road connecting Arenal Dam with the main entrance to Arenal Volcano National Park. From there you go towards the village of El Castillo, biking on a quiet lane surrounded by dense forest and cattle farms. Along the ride you will see howling monkeys, coatis and birds like toucans, egrets and king fishers. You'll stop for a picnic on the shore of Lake Arenal where it's possible to swim. The volcano remains visible throughout the ride and you can usually hear its activity while you cycle.

Recommendations are not booked components of your holiday and are bookable & payable locally.



06 Day ARENAL - MANUEL ANTONIO

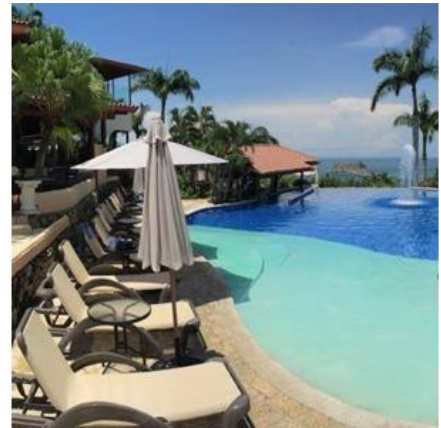
Shuttle transfer to Manuel Antonio.



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The shared shuttle transfer is in a small air conditioned minivan. The transfer will collect and drop off passengers to / from a small number of hotels. The transfer takes approx. 5hrs

Parador Resort & Spa



1 x Garden Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 4-nights

Located high above the Central Pacific coastline, this award-winning hotel is built on 12 acres of rainforest in beautiful Manuel Antonio, just minutes from some of Costa Rica's finest beaches. Surrounded by beautiful gardens and astonishing scenery, all 130 rooms & suits have balconies or terraces, with ocean or rainforest views. Facilities at the hotel include two infinity swimming pools with a swim up bar, an adult pool with cascading waterfall, tennis court, fitness centre, mini-golf and computer centre. You can also explore the nature trails around the 12 acre premises that take you through the lush gardens and mysterious jungle, where you are almost guaranteed to see some of the abundant wildlife, such as white-faced and titi-monkeys, sloths, iguanas and many bird species. The small beach is great for swimming from.



Just steps away from the resort's restaurants, Spa and primary pool area, the Garden Rooms feature a king or two queen size beds, cable TV, iron and board, hair dryer and safety deposit box. The only accommodations from where you can access the vibrant gardens directly from your terrace, these cosy rooms are a great choice for families with children or those seeking proximity to the resort's many facilities.





Day 10 MANUEL ANTONIO - SAN JOSÉ - OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

Shuttle transfer to San José airport.



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Check in for your return British Airways flight.



BA2236 Economy Dep: San José 18:30

Arr: Gatwick 10:30 (Day 11)



Day 11 GATWICK

Arrive back into London Gatwick.

Holiday Cost

£1,975.00 per person

20% deposit is usually required to secure this booking

Suggested Itinerary

- This is just a suggested itinerary which we can amend to fit your exact requirements.

Includes

- International flights as listed.
- All pre-payable airport departure taxes.
- Hotel accommodation as listed.
- Transfers as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).
- Meals as listed.
- Excursions as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).

Excludes

- Local departure taxes where applicable.
- Tips and gratuities.
- Any future currency surcharges.
- Any future airline fare, tax or fuel surcharges.*

**In the event of airfare /tax increases you will have the option to pay for your airfare in advance to avoid these increases.*

Please Note

- The cost of this itinerary is based on 2 passengers sharing one room.
- All flights, accommodation and services are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Air fares, taxes, schedules and routings are subject to change until ticket issue.

Booking Conditions

- Usually a deposit of 20% is required to secure a booking.
- The final balance would be due 10 weeks prior to departure.
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